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Drive safe: students are back in school



Matthew Hall

SCHOOL: Palisades students are the first to return to the classroom this year but more will follow in the next week.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Palisades Charter High School students have returned to their temporary Santa Monica campus, marking the beginning of a busy back-to-school period that will see thousands of students converge on the city's school campuses over the next two weeks.

Pali High students resumed classes Aug. 13 at the former Sears building site on Colorado Avenue, where they have been housed since being displaced by the Palisades Fire. The school is one of four that relocated to Santa Monica under an emergency order approved by the City Council and will remain through Dec. 19 as they prepare to return to the Palisades.

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Charity boxing match comes to the Santa Monica Pier on Saturday

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Professional boxing will come to the Santa Monica Pier on Saturday as the Butterfly Brawl combines live fights with charitable fundraising in a unique oceanfront setting.

The event, scheduled for Aug. 16 from 2-10 p.m., will feature 15 professional boxing matches headlined by undefeated knockout artist DeAngelo Evans (13-0, 12 KOs) facing Justin Cardona. Mexican Olympian Brianda Tamara Cruz and lightning-fast combination puncher Chantel Navarro are also scheduled to compete.

Mix Master Mike of the Beastie Boys will provide entertainment with a DJ set during the event at 200 Santa Monica Pier.

All net proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society and the Santa Monica Police Activities League. The event evolved from the original Butterfly Ball, which began as a deeply personal tribute.

"Butterfly Brawl actually started at the Butterfly Ball in 2017 to honor the life of Yassy Hosseini, who lost her seven-year battle to cancer," said Mark Habibi, one of the event's organizers. "On what would have been her 40th birthday, me and her brother and her best friend and a few of her colleagues from work got together, and we had a party for her at the Peppermint Club."

The inaugural event featured

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Movement event to transform Santa Monica Pier this weekend

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A high-energy fitness celebration will take over the Santa Monica Pier this Sunday as MOVE, a two-hour choreographed movement session, brings breathwork, yoga, dance and high-intensity training to the iconic waterfront location.

The Aug. 17 event, created by CITY SHRED and running from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., combines contemporary movement, low-impact training and HIIT exercises in what organizers call a "music-driven day" designed to inspire community connection and personal growth.

"As Life Athletes, we know that happiness leads to success, not the other way around," organizers said in promotional materials. "MOVE was created to uplift and inspire

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Hidden in Trump's spending package: A surprise boost to California's affordable housing



Photo by Camille Cohen for CalMatters

HOUSING: Framers work to build the Ruby Street apartments in Castro Valley on Feb. 6, 2024. The construction project is funded by the No Place Like Home bond, which passed in 2018 to create affordable housing for homeless residents experiencing mental health issues.

California lawmakers are preparing for a historic surge in federal funding for affordable housing construction, a tsunami of subsidy that advocates say could as much as double the number of low-rent units produced by the state over the next decade.

It comes from an unlikely source.

Buried deep among the cuts to social services in President Donald Trump's signature spending package, the One Big Beautiful Bill, is an increase in support for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit that affordable housing advocates have sought for years. Those tax credits are the most important federal funding available for affordable housing, and they're used in low-income projects throughout California.

Exactly how much difference this boost will make in the Golden State depends on many factors, including tariffs, labor costs, state funding, and more. But experts agree the change could help California build thousands more affordable homes each year.

"It's a very big deal," said Matt Schwartz, president and CEO of the affordable housing nonprofit California Housing Partnership. "These provisions are a huge shot in the arm for an affordable housing field that has been suffering under exhausted state resources."

It's no wonder those provisions haven't gotten much public attention. The federal law, which Trump signed on July 4, extends and expands tax cuts that disproportionately benefit the richest and adds trillions to the federal debt while imposing historic spending cuts to Medicaid, other patches of the social safety net and clean energy programs over the next decade. For California's Democratic leadership and its liberal-leaning electorate, there isn't much to love and plenty to hate.

"From a California perspective, there have certainly been a lot of concerns with that bill," said Ray Pearl, executive director of the California Housing Consortium, which advocates for affordable housing development.

But the spending package gives affordable housing boosters something to celebrate, even if many in blue California are reluctant to do so publicly.

Because the expansion to the tax credit program, part of a preexisting bill, was folded into the broader package, "the federal government has given us a green light to double production," said Pearl.

Last week, the state committee that oversees these credits approved changes to its application process that incentivize developers to take advantage of the new federal policy.

WHAT EXACTLY DO TAX CREDITS HAVE TO DO WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING?

Rather than fund public housing construction directly like it used to, the federal government rerouted most of its affordable housing funds through the tax code beginning in the 1980s. These tax credits are issued by states to affordable developers, who then sell them on to deep-pocketed banks, insurance companies and other financial behemoths, trading tax cuts for ownership shares in affordable housing projects.

It's a financial Rube Goldberg machine, and it's everywhere. If there's an apartment project designated for unhoused people or low-income tenants in your neighborhood, chances are tax credits helped get it off the ground.

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Long-shot ballot initiative could have huge effect on California insurance



Photo by Alisha Jucevic for CalMatters

INSURANCE: State Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara speaks during a press conference with Los Angeles labor leaders and advocates in Commerce on Sept. 26, 2022.

A proposed ballot initiative would drastically change the way property insurance is regulated in California by repealing a law voters passed almost four decades ago.

Proposition 103 has regulated home, auto and other types of property and casualty insurance in the state since 1988. It requires insurance companies to seek approval from an elected insurance commissioner to raise their premiums, and allows members of the public to object to rate increases.

The initiative — which experts are calling a long shot — would throw all of that out. Insurance companies would not need the state's approval to raise their policy holders' premiums; the commissioner would be appointed by the governor instead of elected; and the public would no longer be able to intervene in rate filings.

The independent insurance agent who submitted the proposed measure, Elizabeth Hammack, wrote that she "has seen first-hand the dysfunction" that Prop. 103 has "wreaked upon our state." Hammack did not immediately respond to CalMatters' request for an interview.

Denni Ritter, a vice president for American Property Casualty Insurance Association, said the insurance industry group was not involved in drafting the measure and is "reserving judgment" while reviewing it.

To qualify for the November 2026 ballot, the initiative effort would need to collect more than half a million signatures by April.

If the initiative qualifies for next year's ballot and is approved by voters, it could also throw a wrench into Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara's plan to try to fix the state's insurance market as insurers have refused to renew policies or write new ones as wildfire risk has grown.

> "We're confident voters want more accountability from insurance companies"
>
> - Carmen Balber

Lara crafted his plan around the confines of current insurance law while giving the insurance industry certain concessions, such as allowing them to use catastrophe modeling and to factor in their reinsurance costs when setting their rates. In exchange, the insurance department asks that insurers retain or increase their policies in areas considered at high risk for wildfires. The plan's implementation began this year.

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Weather

Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 73.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 65. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 72. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

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2025/08/13	Wed	12:55 PM	5.35	H
2025/08/13	Wed	7:15 PM	1.35	L
2025/08/14	Thu	01:04 AM	4.12	H
2025/08/14	Thu	06:55 AM	1.32	L
2025/08/14	Thu	1:39 PM	5.49	H
2025/08/14	Thu	8:34 PM	1.26	L
2025/08/15	Fri	02:26 AM	3.34	H
2025/08/15	Fri	07:28 AM	1.98	L
2025/08/15	Fri	2:33 PM	5.57	H
2025/08/15	Fri	10:18 PM	0.99	L
2025/08/16	Sat	04:42 AM	2.94	H
2025/08/16	Sat	08:11 AM	2.58	L
2025/08/16	Sat	3:42 PM	5.64	H
2025/08/16	Sat	11:52 PM	0.47	L
2025/08/17	Sun	07:06 AM	3.17	H
2025/08/17	Sun	09:54 AM	3.01	L
2025/08/17	Sun	4:59 PM	5.80	H
2025/08/18	Mon	01:01 AM	-0.08	L
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2025/08/18	Mon	11:44 AM	3.03	L
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Power#: 2
Jackpot: 526 M

Mega Millions
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2 6 8 14 49
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 182 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 8/9
3 10 14 17 43
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 33 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/11
4 9 14 21 27

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Draw Date: 8/11
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Draw Date: 8/11
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3rd: 02 - Lucky Star
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BALLOT

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The insurance department did not immediately respond to questions about the proposal or how it would affect Lara's plan.

Consumer Watchdog, the Los Angeles-based advocacy group whose founder wrote Prop. 103 mostly to address rising auto insurance rates, said in a statement that the proposal does not seem to be a "serious" or well-funded campaign. The group also cited a report that found Prop. 103 has saved California drivers more than $150 billion in auto insurance rates over the years, as well as a poll that found consumers blame insurance companies for rising premiums.

"We're confident voters want more accountability from insurance companies," Carmen Balber, the group's executive director, told CalMatters. She said repealing Prop. 103 "would mean skyrocketing rates for home and auto insurance policy holders."

Amy Bach, executive director of San Francisco-based consumer advocacy group United Policyholders, said that while Prop. 103 has "important consumer protections," the intervenor process has resulted in approval delays — which insurers have long complained about — and political pressure that have contributed to California's problematic insurance market.

"I don't give the ballot measure a high degree of success," Bach said. "People are not happy about escalating premiums."

Another consumer advocacy group says Prop. 103 has helped keep California home and auto insurance rates lower than the national average.

Consumer Federation of America, a Washington, D.C.-based research and advocacy organization, "has studied state insurance markets for decades, and this initiative would institute the regulatory system used in states that have seen some of the most dramatic rate spikes around the country," said Douglas Heller, director of insurance for the group.

Heller added that California is not alone in facing an insurance crisis, and that "removing oversight of the insurance companies at this moment would be like shutting down the fire department in the middle of a blaze."

By Levi Sumagaysay. This article was originally published by CalMatters.



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Trump's rhetoric about DC echoes a history of racist narratives about urban crime

President Donald Trump has taken control of D.C.'s law enforcement and ordered National Guard troops to deploy onto the streets of the nation's capital, arguing the extraordinary moves are necessary to curb an urgent public safety crisis.

Even as district officials questioned the claims underlying his emergency declaration, the Republican president promised a "historic action to rescue our nation's capital from crime, bloodshed, bedlam and squalor and worse." His rhetoric echoed that used by conservatives going back decades who have denounced cities, especially those with majority non-white populations or led by progressives, as lawless or crime-ridden and in need of outside intervention.

"This is liberation day in D.C., and we're going to take our capital back," Trump promised Monday.

TRUMP'S ACTION ECHOES UNCOMFORTABLE HISTORICAL CHAPTERS

As D.C. the National Guard arrived at their headquarters Tuesday, for many residents, the prospect of federal troops surging into neighborhoods represented an alarming violation of local agency. To some, it echoes uncomfortable historical chapters when politicians used language to paint historically or predominantly Black cities and neighborhoods with racist narratives to shape public opinion and justify aggressive police action.

April Goggans, a longtime D.C. resident and grassroots organizer, said she was not surprised by Trump's actions. Communities had been preparing for a potential federal crackdown in D.C. since the summer of 2020, when Trump deployed troops during racial justice protests after the murder of George Floyd.

"We have to be vigilant," said Goggans, who has coordinated local protests for nearly a decade. She worries about what a surge in law enforcement could mean for residents' freedoms.

"Regardless of where you fall on the political scale, understand that this could be you, your children, your grandmother, your co-worker who are brutalized or have certain rights violated," she said.

Other residents reacted with mixed feelings to Trump's executive order. Crime and homelessness has been a top concern for residents in recent years, but opinions on how to solve the issue vary. And very few residents take Trump's catastrophic view of life in D.C.

"I think Trump's trying to help people, some people," said Melvin Brown, a D.C. resident. "But as far as (him) trying to get (the) homeless out of this city, that ain't going to work."

"It's like a band-aid to a gunshot wound," said Melissa Velasquez, a commuter into D.C. "I feel like there's been an increase of racial profiling and stuff, and so it's concerning for individuals who are worried about how they might be perceived as they go about their day-to-day lives."

UNCERTAINTY RAISES ALARMS

According to White House officials, troops will be deployed to protect federal assets and facilitate a safe environment for law enforcement to make arrests. The Trump administration believes the highly visible presence of law enforcement will deter violent crime. It is unclear how the administration defines providing a safe environment for law enforcement to conduct arrests, raising alarm bells for some advocates.

"The president foreshadowed that if these heavy-handed tactics take root here, they will be rolled out to other majority-Black and Brown cities, like Chicago, Oakland and Baltimore, across the country," said Monica Hopkins, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union's D.C. chapter.

"We've seen before how federal control of the D.C. National Guard and police can lead to abuse, intimidation and civil rights violations — from military helicopters swooping over peaceful racial justice protesters in 2020 to the unchecked conduct of federal officers who remain shielded from full accountability," Hopkins said.

A HISTORY OF DENIGRATING LANGUAGE

Conservatives have for generations used denigrating language to describe the condition of major cities and called for greater law enforcement, often in response to changing demographics in those cities driven by nonwhite populations relocating in search of work or safety from racial discrimination and state violence. Republicans have called for greater police crackdowns in cities since at least the 1965 Watts Riots in Los Angeles.

President Richard Nixon won the White House in 1968 after campaigning on a "law and order" agenda to appeal to white voters in northern cities alongside overtures to white Southerners as part of his "Southern Strategy." Ronald Reagan similarly won both his presidential elections after campaigning heavily on law and order politics. Politicians, including former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani and former President Bill Clinton have cited the need to tamp down crime as a reason to seize power from liberal cities for decades.

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser called Trump's takeover of local police "unsettling" but not without precedent. Bowser kept a mostly measured tone during a Monday news conference but decried Trump's reasoning as a "so-called emergency," saying residents "know that access to our democracy is tenuous."

Trump threatened to "take over" and "beautify" D.C. on the campaign trail and claimed it was "a nightmare of murder and crime." He also argued the city was "horribly run" and said his team intended "to take it away from the mayor." Trump on Monday repeated old comments about some of the nation's largest cities, including Baltimore, Chicago, Los Angeles, Oakland and his hometown of New York City. All are currently run by Black mayors.

"You look at Chicago, how bad it is. You look at Los Angeles, how bad it is. We have other cities in a very bad, New York is a problem. And then you have, of course,

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Malibu

City of Malibu to Host 7th Annual Safety and Preparedness Fair

The City of Malibu will host its 7th Annual Safety and Preparedness Fair on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Malibu City Hall as part of National Preparedness Month.

The free, family-friendly event aims to help residents and businesses prepare for wildfires, earthquakes, floods and other disasters that can impact the community.

"The Safety Fair is a fun, hands-on way for people of all ages to learn about life-saving skills, products and services, and build relationships with the emergency responders that keep our community safe," said Mayor Marianne Riggins.

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>
> - Marianne Riggins, Mayor

Riggins emphasized the importance of preparedness as Malibu continues recovering from the devastating Broad, Franklin and Palisades fires.

"Malibu knows what it means to endure disasters, and as we continue to recover from the devastating Broad, Franklin and Palisades Fires, we must continue to look ahead and constantly strive for community-wide preparedness," she said. "When we all come together and do our parts, we can be ready, strong, and resilient for our next disaster."

The city is promoting "shared responsibility" for preparedness, with community members, the city and emergency agency partners all playing crucial roles. The Safety Fair provides an opportunity for residents and businesses to enhance their preparedness efforts, whether they are beginners or looking to advance their knowledge.

Event highlights include emergency preparedness vendors and resource booths, fire extinguisher training, an earthquake simulator and a CERT Team emergency information station. Attendees can receive guidance on brush clearance and home hardening.

Family activities will feature a "Touch-a-Truck" experience with fire and rescue vehicles, a rock climbing wall and a Safe Moves bike and scooter safety rodeo for children. Volunteer opportunities will be available, along with a free raffle featuring safety and preparedness prizes.

Food will be available for purchase from the Original Tommy's truck and Tikiz Shaved Ice.

The Safety Fair is part of Malibu's broader National Preparedness Month efforts, which will include weekly emergency alert tests throughout September.

More details about the Safety Fair are available at www.MalibuCity.org/SafetyFair.

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Santa Monica

Free Family Festival Celebrates City's 150th Anniversary

Santa Monica will host Endless Summer C.A.M.P., a free family festival featuring art, music and interactive activities at Tongva Park on Saturday, Aug. 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The third annual Community | Art | Music | Picnic event is part of Santa Monica's 150th Anniversary celebration, which runs from July through October with community-driven events citywide.

Attendees can pack picnics and bring blankets and beach chairs to enjoy musical performances and art-making activities in the eco-friendly urban park. Tongva Park offers a splash pad, playground, ocean observation deck, public art and more than 100 plant species.

The festival opens with a bubble party by Bubblemania and sustainable art workshops using upcycled materials led by Rediscover Center.

At 11:30 a.m., Pacific Opera Project will present "Cinderella Story," described as a fresh, funny twist on the classic fairytale designed to introduce families to opera. The Greater Los Angeles Education Foundation partially funds this performance.

Masanga Marimba takes the stage at 1 p.m. with an energetic performance blending African, Latin and American musical traditions. The nine-piece band features Zimbabwean-style marimbas, mbiras, drums, trombone, trumpet and vocals.

Organizers encourage public transportation. Big Blue Bus routes 2, 8 and 9 serve Tongva Park with buses running every 20-35 minutes. Metro Rail's E Line operates every 10 minutes between East Los Angeles and Downtown Santa Monica. Trip planning is available at bigbluebus.com.

Parking is available at the Santa Monica Civic Center Parking Structure and metered spaces on Main Street, Olympic Boulevard and Ocean Avenue.

Festival-goers can extend their visit by exploring nearby Downtown, the Third Street Promenade Entertainment Zone, Santa Monica Pier and Main Street businesses and restaurants.

Community Arts Resources produces Endless Summer C.A.M.P. with the City of Santa Monica and support from the city's Art of Recovery initiative.

More information and the full schedule are available at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/endless-summer-tickets-1485135402969

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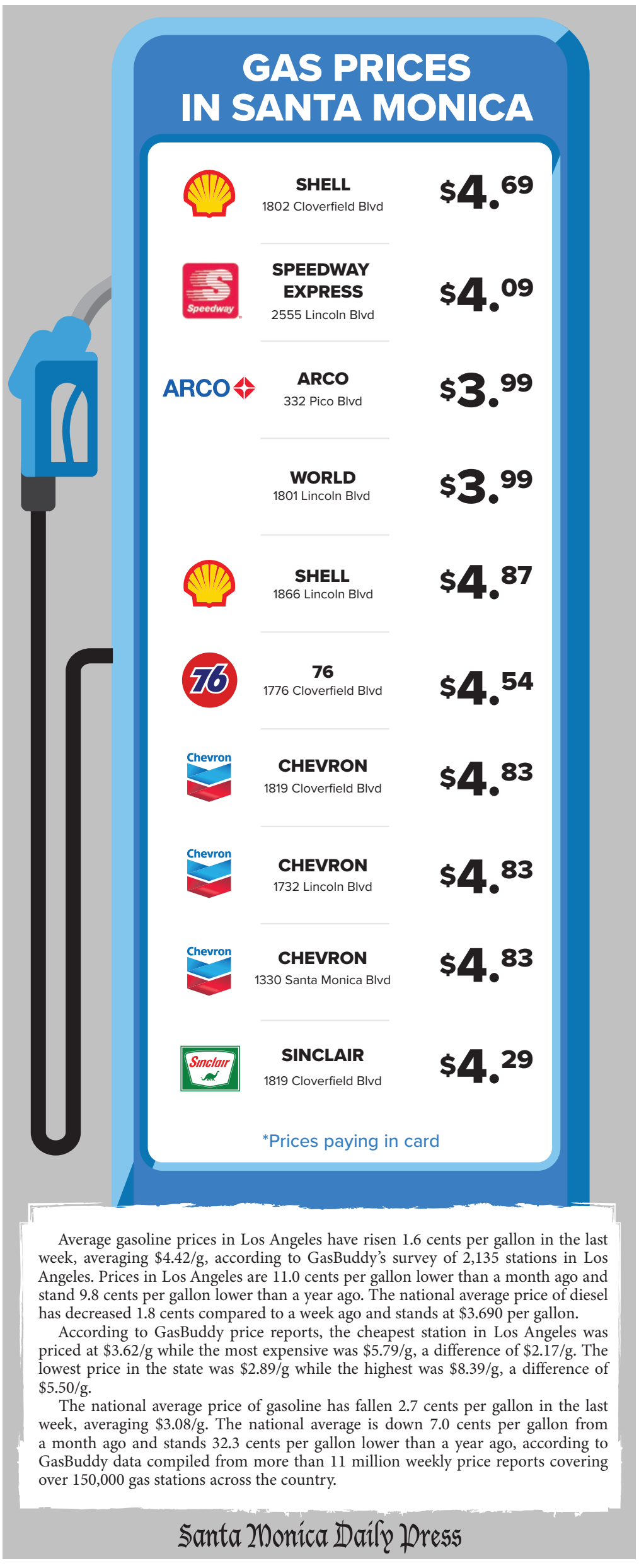


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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have risen 1.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $4.42/g, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 11.0 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 9.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has decreased 1.8 cents compared to a week ago and stands at $3.690 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $3.62/g while the most expensive was $5.79/g, a difference of $2.17/g. The lowest price in the state was $2.89/g while the highest was $8.39/g, a difference of $5.50/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 2.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.08/g. The national average is down 7.0 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 32.3 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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MUSE Global school opens Santa Monica Campus with focus on sustainability, technology



Courtesy photo

MUSE GLOBAL SCHOOL: MUSE Global School opened its new Santa Monica campus.

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

MUSE Global School, an award-winning holistic education institution, has officially opened its new Santa Monica campus, expanding the internationally recognized school's reach to the Westside.

The school is operating from an interim location within The First Presbyterian Church while working toward establishing a permanent campus in the area. MUSE is now accepting enrollment for fall 2025, offering both in-person and virtual learning options.

Founded in 2006 by Suzy Amis Cameron and her sister Rebecca Amis, MUSE builds its educational approach on five core pillars: academics, self-efficacy, communication, sustainability and passion-based learning. The school has maintained 100% college acceptance rates and holds accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

"MUSE reflects my core mission: to empower the next generation of renaissance thinkers and leaders — young people equipped with knowledge, tools, values and imagination to lead a more connected and eco-conscious life," said Amis Cameron, who also founded Inside Out LLC, an environmental solutions company.

The Santa Monica location continues MUSE's commitment to small class sizes, with no more than 16 students per class to ensure personalized attention. The move positions the school to develop partnerships with local cultural institutions and expand environmental learning opportunities for students across the region.

Central to the new campus is the integration of MICA technology — Measurement, Instrumentation, Control and Analysis — developed by Dr. Ian Hunter at MIT. The system transforms how students engage with science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics education through hands-on experimentation and real-time data analysis.

Russell Mallen, an MIT graduate in electrical engineering and economics, leads the MICA program as head of MUSE's science and mathematics department. The technology allows students to explore subjects ranging from robotics to environmental science and biotechnology while developing practical skills for future careers.

"MICA helps students 'march across disciplines,' empowering them to approach tomorrow's challenges with innovative solutions," according to school materials referencing Hunter's advocacy for interdisciplinary learning.

The Santa Monica campus operates under a leadership team including Tressa Wyner, who became head of school in 2024 after more than 20 years in education. Wyner emphasizes communication-based teaching and global awareness in her approach.

Megan Grieco serves as director of K-12, overseeing diversity, equity, inclusion and justice integration along with literacy initiatives and passion-based academic design. Stephanie Cox manages global and virtual operations as well as admissions.

"Young people thrive in environments that challenge, inspire and nurture holistic growth," Wyner said. "Santa Monica's culture and beauty invite students to find joy in learning through their passions and nature. We're thrilled to build our community here."

The school has received recognition including HundrED's "MUSE Blueprint" innovation award for its educational model that combines traditional academics with real-world learning projects tailored to individual student interests.

MUSE plans to host an information event Aug. 6 for prospective families to explore the school's educational approach and meet the leadership team. The event will showcase how the school integrates MICA technology with its sustainability-focused curriculum and social-emotional development programs.

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Santa Monica Playhouse opens enrollment for Fall Theatre Workshops



Courtesy photo

SANTA MONICA PLAYHOUSE EDUCATION CONSERVATORY: 56th year - Program offers play production and musical theatre classes for children and teens.

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The Santa Monica Playhouse Education Conservatory has opened enrollment for its Fall Theatre Workshop, marking the 56th year of the program that offers play production and musical theatre classes for children and teens.

The workshops, scheduled to run from September through November 2025, provide students aged 4 to 16 with hands-on experience in acting, singing, dancing, improvisation, costume and makeup work, lighting, sound, sets and props. Participants collaborate with professional playwrights and directors to create fully staged original productions written specifically for them.

"I am continuously impressed! The workshops and plays are structured so that every child can be successful!" said educator B. Clough. Daily Variety has called the program "one of the best in the country."

The conservatory offers three age-specific programs, all meeting Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Play Production class serves ages 7 to 11 and runs from Sept. 6 through Nov. 22. The Teen Performance Lab, for ages 11 to 16, follows the same schedule. The Early Stages Workshop for ages 4 to 6 begins later, running from Sept. 20 through Nov. 22.

Unlike traditional children's theatre programs, the Santa Monica Playhouse ensures every child receives a substantial role written specifically for them. "No small parts here — no waiting in the wings — no playing the second tree or the third fairy," the conservatory emphasizes. Each role highlights students' strengths while challenging them to develop theatre skills including performance technique, teamwork, self-confidence, creative expression, vocal projection and reading comprehension.

The Play Production class immerses young people in dramatic arts with professional theatre artists leading exciting theatre games and playwriting exercises. Students learn to collaborate with peers while developing authentic expression through activities designed to build joy and self-confidence. No prior experience is required, though advanced young actors also benefit from the workshop.

The Teen Performance Lab offers a specialized program where students work with theatre professionals to create performance pieces based on their own world experiences. Participants study the Playhouse's acting method, learning to build ensemble trust and create truthful characterizations. The program focuses on voice and movement while helping students develop increased confidence and stress management skills.

The Early Stages Workshop targets the youngest participants with structured creative activities including storytelling, crafts, songs, movement, makeup and costumes. The program stimulates cognitive, language, social, emotional and physical skills in a supportive atmosphere designed for early childhood development.

The internationally acclaimed Playhouse process was developed by co-artistic directors Chris DeCarlo and former child star Evelyn Rudie. Their method has reached more than 25,000 students locally, nationally and internationally, combining teamwork excitement, acclaimed teaching theatre power, and a stress-free arts environment where working actors share their craft with

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SCHOOL

FROM PAGE 1

"Back to school can be a hectic transition for many families, and especially for our Palisades families who are still in the process of rebuilding," Mayor Lana Negrete said. "The city remains a committed partner in helping restore a sense of normalcy as families settle into their routines for the new school year."

Santa Monica High School students will follow one week later, returning to their campus Thursday, Aug. 21, as part of the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District's start date that will see thousands of students flooding to schools all across the city. .

With the influx of students, city officials are advising commuters, residents, workers and business owners to allow extra time when traveling near school areas and to remain vigilant for student pedestrians.

The city has implemented multiple safety measures to manage the increased foot and vehicle traffic around schools. Crossing guards will be stationed at every SMMUSD campus to help manage critical intersections, and the Santa Monica Police Department has issued safety guidelines for students, parents and motorists navigating school zones.

For students, safety tips include always crossing with crossing guards at intersections rather than in the middle of streets or between parked cars, avoiding walking alone or through alleyways, and immediately reporting any intimidation or bullying to adults.

Parents are encouraged to tour unfamiliar schools and neighborhoods with their children, discuss emergency plans, and ensure schools have current pickup authorization and contact information on file.

Motorists are reminded to pay special attention to speed limits near schools, follow traffic circulation plans, obey crossing guard directions and avoid double parking when dropping off students.

The city has also completed major pedestrian safety improvements around six schools earlier this year. The project, finished in May, included 19 curb extensions, 37 ADA curb ramp upgrades, one flashing beacon, three new trees and updated roadway striping and markings, including 50 refreshed crosswalks at Edison Language Academy, Santa Monica Alternative Schoolhouse, John Muir Elementary, McKinley Elementary, Grant Elementary and Franklin Elementary.

To ease transportation challenges, both SMMUSD and Los Angeles Unified School District participate in the regional GoPass program, providing free transit rides to all K-12 students on Big Blue Bus and LA Metro trains and buses. Students can use registered passes for travel to and from school or any other purpose, including weekends.

The passage of Measure K in November 2024 has enabled the city to resume Safe Routes to School programming, which promotes walking and biking to school while identifying needed infrastructure improvements.

City transportation staff will be present at Santa Monica High School's 9th Grade Registration Day on Aug. 12 to answer questions and help students obtain GoPass transit passes.

Parents and students are encouraged to consider carpooling, walking, biking or taking public transit, with some families organizing bike buses or walking school buses to promote community involvement and student health.

Downtown businesses will continue offering discounts and specials for faculty and students throughout the school year.

Other area schools will begin classes on staggered dates: St. Anne's will start Aug. 21, the same day as Santa Monica High School, while St. Monica's will begin Aug. 25 with earlier activities scheduled, and New Roads will commence Aug. 29.

City officials stress that the first few weeks of school typically require patience as families adjust to new routines, particularly with ongoing construction projects across Santa Monica. They encourage residents to "take the friendly road" and show extra consideration for one another during the transition period.

For more information on back-to-school transportation resources and safety tips, residents can visit the city's Take the Friendly Road newsletter and transportation webpage.

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CRIME

FROM PAGE 4

Baltimore and Oakland. We don't even mention that anymore. They're so far gone. We're not going to let it happen," he said.

Civil rights advocates see the rhetoric as part of a broader political strategy.

"It's a playbook he's used in the past," said Maya Wiley, CEO of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.

Trump's rhetoric "paints a picture that crime is out of control, even when it is not true, then blames the policies of Democratic lawmakers that are reform- and public safety-minded, and then claims that you have to step in and violate people's rights or demand that reforms be reversed," Wiley said.

She added that the playbook has special potency in D.C. because local law enforcement can be directly placed under federal control, a power Trump invoked in his announcement.

Leaders call the order an unjustified distraction

Trump's actions in Washington and comments about other major cities sent shock waves across the country, as other leaders prepare to respond to potential federal action.

Democratic Maryland Gov. Wes Moore said in a statement that Trump's plan "lacks seriousness and is deeply dangerous" and pointed to a 30-year-low crime rate in Baltimore as a reason the administration should consult local leaders rather than antagonize them. In Oakland, Mayor Barbara Lee called Trump's characterization of the city "fearmongering."

The administration already faced a major flashpoint between local control and federal power earlier in the summer, when Trump deployed National Guard troops to quell protests and support immigration enforcement operations in LA despite opposition from California Gov. Gavin Newsom and LA Mayor Karen Bass.

Civil rights leaders have denounced Trump's action in D.C. as an unjustified distraction.

"This president campaigned on 'law and order,' but he is the president of chaos and corruption," said NAACP President Derrick Johnson. "There's no emergency in D.C., so why would he deploy the National Guard? To distract us from his alleged inclusion in the Epstein files? To rid the city of unhoused people? D.C. has the right to govern itself. It doesn't need this federal coup."

By MATT BROWN Associated Press. Associated Press writer River Zhang contributed reporting.



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HOUSING

FROM PAGE 2

The credits come in two basic flavors. Both are getting a major boost under the new federal law.

One credit lets its owners write roughly 9% of the cost of construction on a project off their tax bill each year for 10 years. Those 9% credits are doled out by the federal government to the states, who then turn around and award them to developers. There are always more qualifying projects than there are credits to fund them, especially in California. The Trump-backed spending package boosts the total number of these credits by 12% each year indefinitely.

> The bottom line is the federal government is making additional tax credits and bond capacity available
> - Ray Pearl

The other type of credit, the 4% credit, doesn't come with a cap, which means it is technically available to any developer who qualifies. How a developer qualifies is the rub. Historically, an affordable project needs to cover half of its costs with particular tax-exempt bonds — which, like the 9% credits, are in short supply — to make full use of the 4% credits. The federal bill reduces that requirement, so that a project only needs to cover a quarter of its cost with the bonds.

"The bottom line is the federal government is making additional tax credits and bond capacity available," Pearl said, "which is one of the biggest things you need to produce affordable housing nationwide, and especially in California."

The state receives more requests for bond financing each year than it can grant, said Marina Wiant, executive director of the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee. Her committee last week voted to change its application to line up with the new federal requirements — reducing the percentage of a new project that must be financed via bonds, and allowing projects already approved to reduce their bond financing. That lower threshold means there will be more bond money to go around, and more projects will get funded, she said.

"There are a lot of projects still in the queue that are waiting for bond financing," Wiant said. "So this immediate change will have a pretty immediate impact this fall."

How did this affordable housing boost get into Trump's spending plan in the first place?

Schwartz's group and others have been fighting for this tax credit increase for years, garnering bipartisan support along the way, he said. Republican lawmakers tend to view tax credits as a "good kind of subsidy," he said. Because they are used by corporations, they are more palatable than food stamps and other direct assistance that are viewed as handouts.

Just how much could these new tax credits help? That depends on who you ask.

The changes in policy could fund the construction of an extra 1.22 million affordable rental units nationwide over the next 10 years, according to an estimate by the accounting firm Novogradac. That works out to roughly 20,000 extra units per year in California.

But many things could get in the way. If the cost of building goes up because of tariffs, increased labor costs or interest rate hikes, developers might decide not to use the tax credits. Trump's spending package also keeps corporate tax rates low, which could reduce the value of the housing tax credits.

And, because housing is so expensive to build in California, most projects can't rely solely on tax credits — they need other local and state funding, too. But that funding is in short supply. Extra money given out during the COVID-19 pandemic has dried up. A statewide $20 billion affordable housing bond was set to go before voters last year, but it was pulled off the ballot amid fears it would fail.

As a result, Schwartz estimates California will see closer to 10,000 new low-income homes built per year as a result of these extra tax credits, not 20,000.

"I think it's going to take us a couple of years to ramp up," he said.

Another potential obstacle: The cuts Trump's spending package imposes on other areas — including the cuts to Medicaid that are expected to result in 3.4 million Californians losing coverage over the next 10 years — could exacerbate poverty for many people and undermine the benefits of the tax credits.

"It's a tremendous irony," Schwartz said, "that (the tax credit increase) was in this incredibly harmful 'big ugly bill,' as we call it."

By Ben Christopher and Marisa Kendall. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

MUSE

FROM PAGE 6

Amis Cameron, a former actor turned environmental advocate, has authored the best-selling book "The OMD Plan" and founded the OMD Movement promoting plant-based eating. She serves on the board of Food for Climate League and other organizations focused on regenerative agriculture and food justice.

The new Santa Monica campus is located at 1220 2nd Street. Families interested in enrollment or the Aug. 6 information session can contact Stephanie Cox at stephanie@museschools.com.

Additional information about the school's programs and admissions process is available at museglobalschoolca.com/santamonica.

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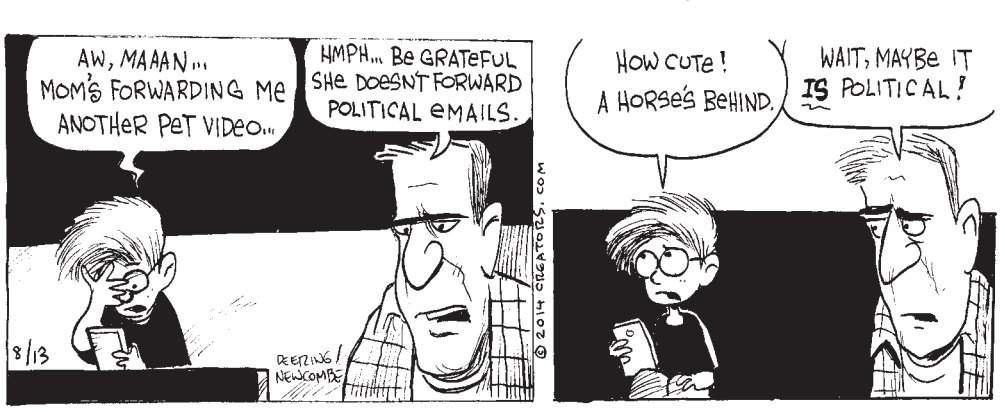
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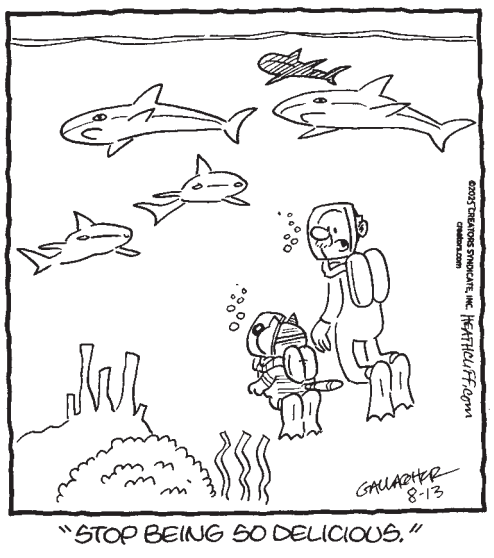
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 23 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6666

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A year when you'll hold power without having to maneuver for the position. Finally, the respect you deserve. Career momentum translates to real money. More highlights: You master three new habits, repeating what matters until it's part of you. Younger people and/or family expansion brings joy. You'll host like a legend, and more hospitality is heaped on you. Taurus and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 9, 20, 15 and 38.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). By chasing one very specific prize you might accidentally ignore other potential sources of happiness, or reject alternative paths that could bring even more satisfaction. Don't fixate. Stay flexible, open and sensitive to joy, which can call from anywhere.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Mastery isn't always achieved through hard work. Sometimes it's sweat, sometimes it's long hours, but it can also be playful discovery, enlightening conversations and, in today's case, a fun breakthrough.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Friendly is still your default, but today you're streamlining access to you. These boundaries aren't made in an effort to keep people away from you. Rather, they're about keeping your peace protected.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Productivity can feel good, can be essential to the thriving of the group, and can reward you in a multitude of ways - but productivity is not self-worth. The business is optional today. You don't have to be busy to prove your value.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have an aptitude for observation, a high quotient of curiosity and a drive to gather as much sensory information as possible. It's a skill, really - one you've cultivated over years of being you. You'll be rewarded for all you notice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Not every thread becomes part of the tapestry. Some just teach you about texture. You're engaging with what's available, what's strange, what's stirring, and you're doing it with detached curiosity. That's what makes it art.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will stop yourself mid-action. It's a power move. Not because you withhold your effort, but because you ask yourself why you're doing it in the first place. You listen to your own emotional system and your own wisdom.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You will perform alchemy - turning powerlessness into clarity; gratitude, into grounded truth. You will step into your own authority and say: No. I will not be ruled by fear. First I will see what really is there instead of worrying about what might be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Presence isn't meditating with perfect posture or fixating attention on an object like a monk with a raisin. Letting your actual thoughts, feelings, body and actions match - or at least be known to you, is enough. In fact, it's remarkable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Does this really help me thrive, or is it just armor? Am I hiding behind this, or am I expressing myself with it? When you know what you're doing and why, you can choose from confidence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're surrounded by smart people, and smart people opinions. Give each an amount of time and attention but don't let the decision-making process drag on and on. The fair thing is also the timely thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you contribute, it's not to get social points or clout, it's because you love the experience of contribution. You love being in it. Today you give in a way that highlights the artist and leader in you.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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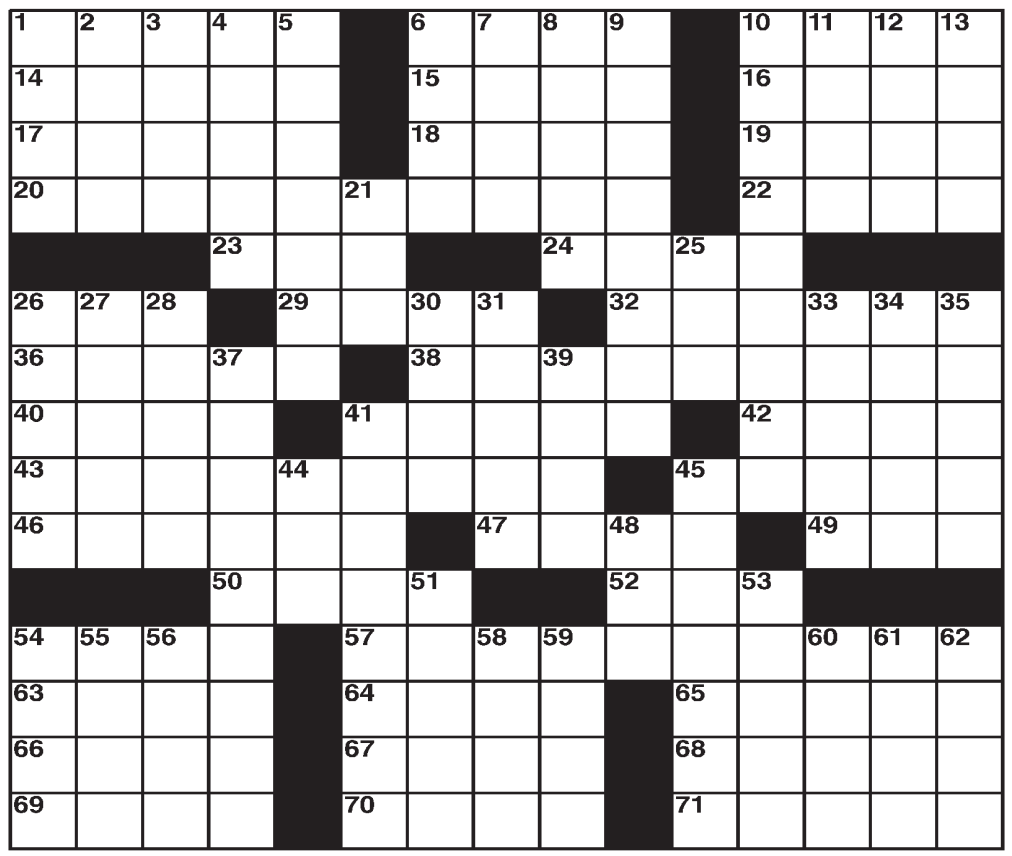
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ACROSS

1 Step heavily (on)
6 Two-band, as a car radio
10 South Pacific island nation
14 High male voice
15 "King" of nursery rhyme
16 Venerated person
17 Capital of Ghana
18 Dinette or den
19 Auction off, say
20 With 57-Across, Oscar film for '91 (with Jodie Foster)
22 Bonnets and berets
23 Memorable period
24 Make, as mittens
26 Trail behind
29 "It's my turn"
32 Salutes with raised glasses
36 Wed secretly
38 With 43-Across, Oscar film for '07 (with Tommy Lee Jones)
40 Purina sister brand
41 Mysterious glows
42 Well-honed
43 See 38-Across
45 Author Asimov
46 Unemotional
47 Large briny bodies
49 EKG evaluators
50 Leaning Tower locale
52 Acknowledge applause
54 It's east of Nebraska
57 See 20-Across
63 Blacken on a grill
64 Romance writer Roberts
65 French farewell
66 Radiate out
67 Workshop selection
68 Midmorning hr.
69 *Ghost Hunters* cable channel
70 Bart Simpson's bus driver
71 Manuscript changes

DOWN

1 Imperative from 49-Across
2 Engineering school, for short
3 Some time ago
4 Whom a "code" was named for
5 Treeless plain
6 Fraction of a square mile
7 Eclipse participant
8 Shepherd's concern
9 Nostalgic souvenirs
10 Glass boxes at pet shops
11 Mental spark
12 Abrupt bump
13 Adversities
21 On the __ (fleeing)
25 Debt document
26 Thumbs (through)
27 Parcel out
28 Start getting paid to play
30 Word on pennies and 20s
31 Reads closely (over)
33 What powered ancient engines
34 Tire pattern
35 Brings into harmony
37 Summer gathering with splashing
39 Year-end candy shape
41 Augments
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55 "Gracious!"
56 Stray sheep or calf
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59 Heavenly light
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BOXING

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Nikki Costa, Too Short and The Black Eyed Peas. "It was supposed to be just a one and done. But the event was so successful, we raised so much money for the City of Hope," Habibi said.

The success led to annual events featuring Snoop Dogg in 2018 and Anderson Paak in 2019 before the pandemic forced a hiatus. The event returned in 2024 with a new format.

"We brought it back last year and we introduced boxing, and we changed from the Butterfly Ball to the Butterfly Brawl," Habibi said.

Doors open at 2 p.m. with the first fight at 3 p.m.

Tickets start at $100 and are available at www.fightbook.com. VIP experiences are also offered for the event.

"We really depend on the community to come together and support us," Habibi said. "From the bottom of my heart, help us make this event successful. Show up. If you're not able to show up, please consider making a donation."

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MOVE

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our community to breathe freer, love deeper, SHRED Limited Beliefs, and connect with oneself and like-minded individuals."

The event will take place on the West Parking Lot Deck at 200 Santa Monica Pier. Registration opens at 9 a.m., with the main movement session scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., followed by a refuel period until 1:30 p.m.

Tickets include numerous perks for participants. The first 500 attendees to check in will receive swag bags, while all participants gain access to free samples and demonstrations from health and wellness brands, complimentary class passes to local studios, and opportunities to win prizes through sideline challenges. Professional photographers will capture action shots throughout the workout.

Attendees are encouraged to wear bright colors and "be bold" during the session, which blends traditional fitness elements with self-expression and community building.

The MOVE event represents just one component of ongoing wellness programming at the Santa Monica Pier. The location currently hosts "Wellness & Waves," a free Saturday morning fitness series running through Oct. 11.

The weekly Wellness & Waves sessions occur from 8 to 10 a.m. each Saturday, featuring group runs from 8 to 9 a.m. beneath the famous Santa Monica Pier Arch sign. Yoga and Yoga-Pilates Fusion classes follow from 9 to 10 a.m. on the pier's west end, led by rotating instructors from prominent Westside wellness studios.

The Saturday sessions require only a yoga mat, towel and positive attitude, according to organizers. Registration is encouraged at https://www.santamonicapier.org, though the classes remain free and open to all fitness levels.

Additional perks have been integrated into the weekend programming. On Aug. 9, Wellness & Waves participants could receive complimentary Kreation juice at the Google Store Santa Monica on Third Street Promenade with validation cards.

The wellness programming operates through partnerships with Google Store Santa Monica, Good Body Pilates, shefayoga Venice, Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier, Lifeway Kefir and Santa Monica Travel & Tourism.

The Santa Monica Pier Corporation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, manages these events as part of its mission to preserve and enhance the pier experience. Despite common assumptions, the organization operates independently from city funding and relies on community support.

Participants can reach the pier via rideshare, Metro, bus or bicycle. Complete scheduling and instructor information is available on the Santa Monica Pier's social media channels.

MOVE tickets are available at sweatpals.com/event/move-santa-monica.

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ENROLLMENT

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developing young people.

"Our daughter learned more about drama in one week with SMP than in all the productions she's ever done — put together. We're absolutely ecstatic!" said educator and workshop parent J. Dohr.

The program's success extends beyond childhood, with notable alumni including Kate Hudson, Zooey Deschanel, Emily Deschanel, Jason Ritter, Jason Segel, Obi Ndefo, Shana Feste, Rina Mimoun, Newark Superintendent of Schools Cami Anderson and Maroon 5's Mickey Madden, who calls the program "great in so many ways."

Following county health protocols, the Fall Theatre Workshop will be conducted in-person with limited enrollment in each session. While masking is no longer required, it remains encouraged, and performances will take place before live audiences on the Santa Monica Playhouse Main Stage.

Santa Monica Playhouse, a nonprofit theatre and educational corporation, has been a pioneer in youth theatre education for five decades, working with more than half a million young people across 11 countries. The theatre is located at 1211 4th Street in downtown Santa Monica.

Programs receive support from the We Are Santa Monica Fund, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture, the City of Santa Monica, the Santa Monica Arts Commission and Playhouse PALS.

For information about enrollment, fees and program details, contact the Playhouse Education Conservatory at 310-394-9779, extension 3, email Education@SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com or visit SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com/workshops-for-kids-teens.html.

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WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 13

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET - WEDNESDAY MARKET

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Downtown Santa Monica Arizona Avenue (Between 4th & Ocean) Santa Monica. One of the largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs! Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, and more. Downtown Farmers Market Locations: Wednesdays at Arizona Ave & 2nd St and Saturdays at Arizona & 3rd St. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/downtown-farmers-market-wednesday-market/12382446/2025-08-13T08

FRIENDS OF VENICE LIBRARY: YOGA FOR EVERYONE!

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice. Through body awareness, movement, and breath, you will be guided on how to bring your body, mind, and spirit back into balance for overall well-being. All levels are welcome. Generously funded by the Friends of Venice Library. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/friends-of-venice-library-yoga-for-everyone-/14548476/2025-07-02T12

ORIGINAL UNDERSTUDIES

8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Mi's Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A Third Street Promenade Santa Monica. Original Understudies. The Bear Supply Hour is now Original Understudies. The same high energy comedy that was once named one of "The 100 Best Things in Comedy" by The Comedy Bureau, is now joined by a cast of both fresh and veteran comedians in fast-paced sketch and long form improv. Every show features special guests creating a high-octane, freakishly entertaining, one-of-a-kind improvised spectacle. FEATURING: Shaun Boylan, Caroline Cotter, Joey Greer, James Heaney. THIS SHOW IS 21 AND OVER. PLEASE BRING A VALID I.D. LINE-UP SUBJECT TO CHANGE. IF YOU ARE NOT PHYSICALLY HERE TO CLAIM YOUR TICKETS THEY WILL BECOME VOID 15 MINUTES AFTER SHOW START TIME. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/original-understudies/15018109/2025-08-13T20

THURSDAY | AUGUST 14

DISNEY ANIMATED FILMS

11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. California Heritage Museum 2612 Main Street Santa Monica. Disney Animated Films showcases more than 100 original works of art from the production of Disney's most cherished animated classics including Bambi, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Peter Pan, Lady and the Tramp and more. We offer visitors an intimate glimpse behind the scenes of filmmaking history. All artwork is generously on loan from the prestigious Mark Hilbert Collection. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/disney-animated-films/16449187/2025-08-14T11

SUNSET PICNIC

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House 415 Pacific Coast Highway Santa Monica. Looking for the perfect way to unwind this summer? Grab your picnic basket, your favorite people (or come solo!), and enjoy a sunset evening at the Beach House! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/sunset-picnic/15715288/2025-08-14T17

LITERARY LOUNGE

6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Santa Monica Public Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica. Discover the joy of social reading at the Literary Lounge; a space for bibliophiles to bond over books, with music and refreshments. Bring your own book or choose one from a collection of staff favorites. Supported by the Friends of the Santa Monica Public. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/literary-lounge/15797010/2025-08-14T18

RENT CONTROL BOARD MEETING

7:00 p.m. Santa Monica City Hall 1685 Main Street Santa Monica. The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/rent-control-board-meeting/13406661/2025-08-14T19

FRIDAY | AUGUST 15

MUSIC TIME WITH MISS KYM

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Pico Branch Library 2201 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica. Accompanied by her keyboard, Miss Kym guides children and their caregivers in singing, dancing, and creative expression, blending her original songs with classic children's tunes. For ages 5 and under. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/music-time-with-miss-kym/16220802/2025-08-15T10

LIVE MUSIC FRIDAYS AT THE SURFING FOX

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 120 Colorado Ave Santa Monica, CA. Erinn Alissa performs acoustic folk pop with her guitar Friday nights at The Surfing Fox. Enjoy a night of live music, tasty bites, and Foxtails! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/live-music-fridays-at-the-surfing-fox/14385252/2025-08-15T18

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